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DECISIONS ON BUDGETARY MATTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA FOR THE YEAR 1998

1. The Meeting of States Parties approves the budget of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 1998, amounting to $5,767,169, as set out in annex III to the present document, together with the staffing table for the Registry in 1998, as contained in annexes I and II hereto.

2. The Meeting of States Parties approves expenditures of up to $290,000 for the Tribunal to hold a fourth meeting of four weeks' duration in October 1997, principally devoted to finalizing and adopting the Rules of the Tribunal, to be financed from existing resources. However, this must be viewed as an exception and shall in no way constitute a precedent. The President of the Tribunal should also ensure that a certain amount of funds remains unused.

3. The Meeting of States Parties approves expenditures for eight weeks of meetings of the Tribunal in 1998 in order to consider and adopt, as envisaged by the Tribunal, inter alia, the Internal Judicial Practice of the Tribunal, the Rules and Practice of its Chambers as well as the Guidelines for potential parties before the Tribunal.

4. The Meeting of States Parties approves the transfer of funds remaining at the end of the current budget year to the budget for 1998 under the item "Temporary assistance for meetings".

5. Without prejudice to the application of the provisions of article 19 of annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in respect of future budgets of the Tribunal regarding the contribution to be made by the International Seabed Authority, the budget of the Tribunal for 1998 will be financed by all States that are Parties to the Convention.

6. The contributions to be made by States Parties shall be based upon the scale of assessments for the regular budget of the United Nations for the corresponding financial year, adjusted to take account of participation in the Convention. This shall be applied provisionally pending the adoption of a scale by the Meeting of States Parties.

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Annex I

PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE REGISTRY IN 1998[a]

Level	Function	Number of posts	Standard costs (United States dollars)
ASG	Registrar	1	152 942.40
D-2	Deputy Registrar	1	143 020.80
P-5	Chief of Administration	1	108 856.80
P-4	Head of Finance and Accounts[b]	1	105 019.20
P-4	Head of Conference and Linguistic Services and Documents	1	105 019.20
P-4	Translator/Reviser[c]	1	56 100.00
P-4	Legal Officer[c]	1	56 100.00
P-4	Librarian/Head of Publications and Archives[c]	1	56 100.00
P-3	Legal Officer/Information	1	75 909.60
P-2	Contributions Officer/Budget[c]	1	39 350.00
P-2	Associate Legal Officer/ Research	1	73 663.20
	Total	11	972 081.20

[a] See SPLOS/WP.4, annex II.

[b] In the 1996/97 budget, one P-2 post was approved with the designation of "Budget/accounts/computer systems Officer". The post in this table is assumed to be a continuing one based on the above.

[c] New posts (budgeted at 50 per cent rate).

Annex II

GENERAL SERVICE STAFF OF THE REGISTRY IN 1998[a]

Level	Function	Number of posts	Standard costs (United States dollars)
Principal level	Administrative Assistant	1	65 052.00
	Computer Systems Assistant[b]	1	34 750.00
	Personal Assistant to the President	1	65 052.00
	Personal Assistant to the Registrar	1	65 052.00
Other levels[c]	Personnel Assistant	1	51 386.40
	Finance Assistant (Accounts Payable/Payroll)	1	51 386.40
	Senior Security Officer	1	51 386.40
	Contributions Assistant	1	51 386.40
	Conference Service Assistant	1	51 386.40
	Secretary to Deputy Registrar	1	51 386.40
	Judiciary Support/Conference Typing Assistant	2	102 772.80
	Security Officer/Driver	1	51 386.40
	Library/Documents Assistant	1	51 386.40
	Caretaker/Building Superintendent[b]	1	27 450.00
	Messenger/Receptionist	1	51 386.40
	Total	16	822 606.40

[a] See SPLOS/WP.4, annex III.

[b] New posts (budgeted at 50 per cent).

[c] In the 1996/97 budget, 11 General Service (Other level) posts were approved - there were various designations in SPLOS/WP.3/Rev.1, annex II, which appear to be different from those in SPLOS/WP.4, annex III. However, out of the 12 General Service (Other level) posts in this table, 1 has been identified as a new post and was budgeted at 50 per cent; the remaining 11 are assumed to be continuing posts and are budgeted at 93.6 per cent.

Annex III

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE TRIBUNAL COVERING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY-31 DECEMBER 1998[a] [b]

(United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	August 1996-December 1997 budget[c]	Estimates for 1998
A. Recurrent expenditure		
Remuneration of judges	2 452 600	
Annual and special allowances		1 971 330 [d]
Travel of judges to sessions		250 000 [e]
Established posts	2 050 000	1 794 688 (1) [f]
Common staff costs	63 000	624 551 (2) [g] [f]
General temporary assistance	107 000	87 000
Overtime	24 500	20 000
Representation allowance	3 100	7 000 [f]
Official travel	150 000	82 000
Communications	53 900	137 000
Supplies and materials	46 600	50 600
External printing and binding	37 800	40 000
Temporary assistance for meetings	116 900	149 600
Maintenance of premises	143 400	140 000
Rental and maintenance of equipment	141 400	141 400
Hospitality	4 200	3 000
Special services (external audit)		3 000
Library - procurement of books and publications		60 000
Start-up costs of library		60 000
Miscellaneous services	2 900	6 000
B. Non-recurrent expenditure		
Furniture and equipment		
1. Purchase of equipment	173 000	90 000
2. Purchase of special equipment		50 000
C. Contingency		
Judiciary		
Judges		
Judges ad hoc and experts		
Temporary staff	409 100	
D. Start-up	191 500	
TOTAL	6 170 900	5 767 169

(Footnotes on following pages)

(Footnotes to table)

[a] See SPLOS/WP.4, annex IV.

[b] (i) New posts budgeted at 50 per cent according to budget practice, and continuing posts at 93.6 per cent.

(ii) Based on Standard Salary Costs, version 07, common staff cost rates of the Budget Division of the United Nations Secretariat.

[c] Including start-up costs.

[d] The remuneration of the judges was calculated as follows:

1.	Annual allowance	48 333.00 x 20	966 660
2.	Special allowance (8 weeks/based on 220 working days PA)	10 105.99 x 20	202 120
3.	Subsistence allowance (8 weeks)	15 680.00 x 20	313 600
4.	Special allowance for preparatory work (4 weeks per meeting/based on 220 working days PA), to be authorized by the President	10 105.99 x 20	202 120
5.	Subsistence allowance for preparatory work (2 weeks per meeting), to be authorized by the President	7 840.00 x 10	78 400
	Total		1 762 900
	President (including special allowance and common costs)		208 430
	Grand Total		1 971 330

[e] Travel of the judges (business class): Two trips: $2,480 x 2 x 20 judges = $99,200. However, the additional amount of $150,800 will be available only if a case is submitted to the Tribunal in 1998.

[f] The remuneration of the staff is composed of various elements which, for budgetary purposes, are usually combined under three objects of expenditure, namely, costs of posts, common staff costs and representative allowance. Following the standard practice of the United Nations, estimates for these three objects of expenditure are based on Standard Salary Costs prepared by the Data Analysis and Systems Control Unit of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, Department of Administration and Management. Standard Salary Costs provides data on annual total net salary

(equal to net base salary plus post adjustment), common staff costs and representation allowance, by category/level, by duty station and by calendar year. In the table, the figures for "Established posts" stand for total net salary. Also, in the absence of data applicable to United Nations staff in Hamburg, the data for The Hague duty station have been used. There are periodic revisions of Standard Salary Costs; for the purpose of the table, the latest available revision, version 07, has been used.